(d) Governments has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

Bird hit at Delhi Airport

323. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Air Mauritius plane caught fire after being hit by a bird just as it was taking off from Delhi Airport on 24 July, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent such accidents of planes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) An incident of bird hit had occurred to Air Mauritius Flight MAU745, A-330 aircraft at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport while operating flight Delhi to Mauritius on 24/07/2008. During take off roll bird hit occurred and pilot rejected take off at high speed and applied brake. Due to application of sudden braking, wheel assembly got heated and emitted smoke. Full emergency was declared by ATC. There were total 252 persons on board. All passengers were evacuated through emergency slide chute on taxiway. 53 passengers sustained minor injury.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airports where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various specific steps such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring of birds etc. have been taken to reduce the incidence of bird hits.

Flying schools in Philippines and Malaysia

324. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some of the flying schools in Philippines and Malaysia are taking short cuts by fudging the mandatory 200 hour flying experience and providing commercial Pilot Licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of Indian students are getting training from such schools;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to derecognize such flying schools which are not providing training as per norms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The flying schools in foreign countries are not under the control of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India. They are controlled by the Regulatory Authority of their respective countries and provide flying training as per the rules and regulations established by that country.

(c) The Government of India does not maintain such records as no permission from Indian DGCA is required for undergoing training in foreign training schools.

(d) and (e) DGCA has no authority to recognize or de-recognize a flying school established in foreign country. DGCA only accepts the licence issued by an International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) contracting State and converts it to Indian licence in accordance with the Indian rules and regulations.

Delay by private airlines

325. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 478 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 2008 and to state the On Time Performance (OTP) and cancellation of flights of Jet Airways, Spicejet and Go Air during the last 3 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): The details regarding On Time Performance (OTP) and cancellation of flights of Jet Airways, Spicejet and Go Air, during the last three months i.e. July, August and September, 2008 are as follows:

Month	Jet Airways		Spicejet		Go Air.	
	OTP (%)	Flts. Cancelled	OTP (%)	Flts. Cancelled	OTP (%)	Flts. Cancelled
July, 2008	81.1	67	86.0	211	68.9	148
August, 2008	80.7	186	84.5	327	79.0	162
September, 2008	87.3	183	88.3	272	86.2	208

Air crashes in country

†326. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plane crashes and other accidents taken place on the airports during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.